

## The Indiana State Department of Health

developed this brochure to provide health professionals with information about the various health and medical volunteer agencies in Indiana.

Each organization has a unique mission and purpose, with different requirements for volunteers, and may respond to different needs within a disaster or emergency.

Volunteers can review this information and make an informed decision regarding their preferred volunteer organization.

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**American Red Cross**  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**Out-of-State Medical  
Deployment Teams  
(OMDT)**

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**Emergency System for  
Advanced Registration of  
Volunteer Health Professionals  
(ESAR-VHP)**

[https://healthnet.isdh.in.gov/  
volunteerregistry](https://healthnet.isdh.in.gov/volunteerregistry)

**Medical Reserve Corps  
(MRC)**  
[www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)

**Indiana Crisis Assistance  
Response Team  
(I-CART)**  
[www.i-cart.org](http://www.i-cart.org)



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## Volunteering

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## Volunteer Opportunities



**Volunteers make for strong, healthy, and prepared communities. Join a team today and get trained so you are prepared to assist others during a public health emergency.**

### **American Red Cross (ARC)**

The American Red Cross is one of several community organizations using health care personnel to respond to disasters. There is a wide variety of volunteer opportunities at the Red Cross. The Red Cross matches knowledge, skills, interests and experience of an individual with opportunities to serve. For more information about the ARC, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

### **Out-of-State Medical Deployment Teams**

The Out-of-State Medical Deployment Teams comprise licensed medical professionals who are interested in responding to out-of-state emergencies. The teams are made up of physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and other medical professionals. These volunteers are deployed to support in the effort of a medical response to major emergencies and federally declared disasters. Volunteers can fill a variety of roles including but not limited to: temporary walk-in clinics, pharmacy, medication dispensing, vaccine support, triage and other functions determined by the emergency. For more information on this program please contact: Penny Torma at [ptorma@isdh.in.gov](mailto:ptorma@isdh.in.gov) or phone at **317-409-3249**.

### **Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)**

ESAR-VHP is an electronic database of health care personnel who volunteer to provide aid in an emergency. After complications arose in the use of medical volunteers following 9/11/01, Congress authorized the development of ESAR-VHP systems for each state. Each state-based system will include readily available, verifiable, up-to-date information regarding the volunteer's identity, licensure status, credentialing, accreditation, and privileging in hospitals or other medical facilities. The establishment of these standardized state systems will give each state the ability to quickly identify and better utilize health professional volunteers

in emergencies and disasters. In addition, these state systems will ultimately enable the sharing of these pre-registered and credentialed health care professionals across state lines and even nationally. The Indiana ESAR-VHP also provides credential verification for other volunteer organizations, including the Medical Reserve Corps. For more information visit [https://healthnet.isdh.in.gov/volunteer\\_registry](https://healthnet.isdh.in.gov/volunteer_registry).

### **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**

Both non-medical and medical volunteers can join the Medical Reserve Corps. The MRC is a national program consisting of community chapters. It's designed for local volunteers who want to assist their communities during a disaster and improve public health throughout the year. Visit [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov) to find a MRC unit near you.

### **Indiana Crisis Assistance Response Team (I-CART)**

I-CART is a crisis response team that assists victims and survivors of trauma, crime and disaster by supporting a safe environment for crisis intervention services. I-CART also provides training to volunteers about crisis reactions. I-CART follows the National Organization for Victim Assistance model and protocol. All response team members are volunteers and include individuals associated with law enforcement, fire departments, victim assistance, the faith-based community, emergency management, hospitals, teachers, mental health professionals, and concerned citizens. For more information, visit [www.i-cart.org](http://www.i-cart.org) or call 317-596-2202.